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LIN01006**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

## Claim 1 (currently amended)

## 1. A forgery-preventive identification medium comprising:

~~a substrate containing randomly arranged identification elements which are selected from the group consisting of metal fibers, metal covered synthetic fibers, metal covered glass fibers, and colored fibers, and~~

~~a magnetic layer for magnetic signal recording, formed at a first portion of the substrate, wherein the magnetic layer contains at least a MnBi magnetic powder~~

a substrate containing identification elements, the identification elements comprising identification information, and

a magnetic layer comprising a MnBi magnetic powder, for magnetic signal recording, formed on or within the substrate,

wherein the identification information is recorded in the magnetic layer. In addition to being present separately in the identification elements on the substrate.

## Claim 2 (original)

## 2. A forgery-preventive identification medium according to claim 1, wherein the substrate is a paper or a plastic.

## Claim 3 (cancelled)

## Claim 4 (original)

## 4. A forgery-preventive identification medium according to claim 1, wherein the MnBi powder has

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particle diameters of 0.1 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 5 (currently amended)

5. A method for ascertaining the genuineness of a the forgery-preventive identification medium of claim 1 which comprises  
~~a substrate containing randomly arranged identification elements, and~~  
~~a magnetic layer for magnetic signal recording, formed at the predetermined portion~~  
~~of the substrate,~~  
~~wherein the magnetic layer contains at least a MnBi magnetic powder,~~  
the method comprising the steps of:
- reading its identification information constituted by the identification elements,
  - recording the information in the MnBi containing magnetic layer as an inerasable recorded information,
  - reading the identification information and the inerasable recorded information both of the forgery-preventive identification medium, and comparing the two informations.

Claim 6 (previously amended)

6. A method for ascertaining the genuineness of a forgery-preventive identification medium according to claim 5, further comprising the step of conducting a demagnetization operation prior to reading and comparing the two informations.